

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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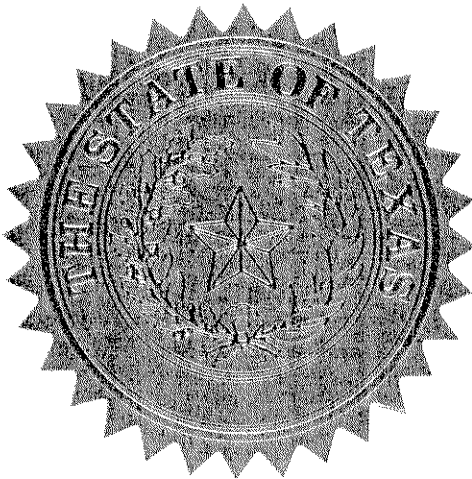
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3016 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3016 would exclude from taxation excess drug supplies maintained by wholesale drug distributors for less than 60 days. The bill gives the impression that this tax exception should be made because these drugs would be used in the event of a homeland security situation. However, the Department of Homeland Security operates the Strategic National Stockpile, and it is those massive quantities of medicine and medical supplies that states and communities will be able to access in response to a public health emergency.

The bill would also allow wholesale drug distributors to exclude excess drug supplies for responses to general public health care emergency needs without paying taxes on them, but does not provide other entities like drug manufacturers or pharmacies with the same exclusion. This bill unnecessarily uses the guise of national security to establish an unfair tax break. Therefore I am vetoing House Bill No. 3016.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Roger Williams*

ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:30 O'CLOCK

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